

The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light (1 John 1:5).

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This New Testament passage quotes an Old Testament passage. Where is the Old Testament passage found?

“Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” ”

Romans 15:11 (NKJV)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

Self-Made Prophets vs. Bible Prophets

Ben Bailey

Wehear a lot in our religious world about modern prophesying and prophets. However, what were the Old Testament prophets really like? What is the nature of a true prophet of God? The Old Testament prophets were men who cared for God's people, were a friend of God and a faithful servant of God. Notice several characteristics of a true prophet of God.

A prophet of God is authoritative. “Him you shall hear” (Deut 18:15). God demands that a true prophet is one who is to be heard by all people. A real prophet speaks a serious message to people, “And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which he speaks in my name, I will require it of him” (Deut 18:19). Many modern day prophetic messages are feel good social messages that are definitely not from God.

God's prophet is inspired by

God. God said in Deut 18:18 “I will put My words in His mouth, And he shall speak to them all that I command Him.” God also said to Jeremiah, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth,... And whatever I command you, you shall speak.” (Jer 1:9,7) Even by the definition of the word prophet the nature of inspiration is seen. “But Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet 2:21). A true prophet of God is not one who creates his own message, but rather cries out the authoritative, response demanding message of God!!

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Prophets

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Next, a presumptuous prophet will be proven a liar. Many self-made prophets have proclaimed messages of God, yet when those messages did not come true they were proved to be liars. Many were claiming the end of the world in Y2K, yet when the world did not come to an end they were proven false prophets. The Bible says, "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone which is the second death"(Rev 21:8). People who prophesy falsely today shall receive a false prophet's palace (Rev 20:8). Today, just as in Jeremiah's day, "An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, ... and My people love to have it so. But what will you do

in the end?" (Jer 5:30-31). God help us to be aware of these false prophets!

As we think about prophets and especially whether modern day prophets exist, may I remind you of the words of the Hebrews writer. "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds (Heb 1:1-2). Jesus is our modern day prophet. We must listen to and obey His words (Jn 6:64-66; Jn 12:48; Matt 7:21).



Mark your calendars

now for Floyd Johnson's session at Pettijohn Springs. Camp will run June 5 - 11.

Request forms are available on the table in the foyer if you would like a copy of any of the lessons from any Sunday worship service. This is also how you can make a request for a copy of the DVD of Kevin's sabbath debate.



The Gospel of Christ

The website continues to be a source of information for many searching on the internet. If you have a friend or

relative in another congregation, please give their name and phone number to Kevin. He'd like to use these contacts to help open doors to speak about *The Gospel of Christ*.

Guest speaker Today Cody Westbrook will be teaching the Bible class and giving the lessons for both services. Please keep the elders in your prayers as they decide who they will offer the preaching position.

Tax letters Letters for your 2010 contributions to use with your tax filing are available in the office. See Doneta if you need one to use.

Children's homes Westview Boys' Home will be back in March and is asking for: canned ravioli, canned fruit, Kool-Aid/Tang, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, baked/refried beans, 100% juice/Capri Sun, cream of chicken or mushroom soup, Hidden Valley Ranch or Italian Dressing, toilet paper, paper towels, batteries of all sizes, plastic silverware, liquid laundry soap, and 39/13 gallon trash bags. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation for the pantry to Doneta. A week before a home comes she will go shopping for the items that we are short.



Prayer List



Ken Lewis is back at home after a stay at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital. **Linda Denison** had tests run at Oklahoma Heart hospital early last week. **Clara Shotts** will have surgery on February 2nd. Please continue to remember: **Harry Phipps** • Mary Aldridge's niece **Linda** • **Martha Dillard** • Loe Neil's daughter **Calli** • **Deborah Thomas** • **Virgie Birchfield** • **Ginger Waller** • Jamie Feroli's mother **Joann Watson** and grandmother **Audra Ervin** • **Eva Mae Gibbs** • Glenda Vinson's sisters **Nelda Grant** and **Marie Dewbre** • Ruth Parker's friend **Mary Jo Marley** • **Jamie Feroli** • **Jan Barlow**, Sue Creecy's daughter • **Ronnie Byrd's** cousin **Pat** • **Murray Goforth** • **Sue Mann** • **Tomi Harness** • **Chad Brown's** mother • **Ronnie Byrd's** brother **Jerry** • **Sylvia Thompson's** husband, **Sam** • **Betty Higgins** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Jean Cary's** nephew **Kent Barker** • **Lucy Hagen's** friend **Dub Huddleston** • **Jo Daniel** • **Paula Lewis** • **Scott's** father, **Ken Saner** • **Winston Pirtle** • **Nancy McClanahan** • **Jean Cary** • **Vernon Padgett** • **Ruth Minyard** • **Deborah Thomas' mother** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • **Bessie Childress** • **Madeline Minyard** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Today at noon we will gather for a fellowship meal. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you as our guest. There is always an abundance of food and we'd like to get you know you better!



Bible classes Today is the start of a new quarter. Parents, take time to talk to your children and their teachers to see what can be done at home to reinforce learning.



5th Sunday singing We'll have a 5th Sunday singing this afternoon Please plan to be at the building at 5 pm to share in this time of praise.

Evangelism toolbox Kevin has started an evangelism class on Tuesday nights. If you are interested in joining the class, please be in the small auditorium at 6:15 pm Tuesday.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

- 27 Rick Tidwell
- 30 Amy Hicks

February

- 3 Peggy Jones
Betty Tipton
- 8 Sharon Chamberlain
- 9 Sharon Ryan
- 11 Marvin Willis
- 12 Joyce Giles
Roy & Lori Patrick
- 13 Mary Aldridge
Gloria Clark
- 14 Gypsy Castleman
Alice Williams
- 21 Bobby Wallace
- 26 James Meece
Michael Castleman

March

- 1 Cap & Teen Stewart '47
- 5 Melody Smith
- 6 Jeff & Vickie Willingham
- 11 Madeline Minyard
Justin Mann
WO Clark
- 13 Pat Ballard
- 14 James Gravelle
- 15 Toni Mann
Fred & Maxine Bellomy '49
- 16 Lexie Wallace
- 17 Lara Austin
- 21 Martin Dotson
Robert & Pam Schumacher
- 23 Anthony Tipton

